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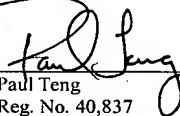
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMAGE PROCESSING CAPABLE OF  
ACCELERATING IMAGE OVERLAY PROCESS

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the reference cited in the annexed Form PTO-1449 is also provided.

It is respectfully requested that the reference cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The enclosed reference was cited in a September 30, 2005 Chinese Office Action in connection with Chinese Application No. 031786936 which corresponds to the above-identified application. A copy of the September 30, 2005 Office Action is enclosed.

The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that these items are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped,

however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of the particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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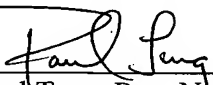
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 was filed on October 25, 2005. To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits after the RCE filed on October 25, 2005 in connection with this application.

Alternatively, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1). Each item of information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 was cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior hereto. Accordingly, no fees are believed to be required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement.

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If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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